

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Kindly amend claims 13, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 as follows.

*With Marked Changes:*

13. A method of using a ball range system, the ball range system

[comprising:

- (a) a target, said target having a top surface and at least one ball receiver, said ball receiver configured to have a first opening at said top surface of said target and a second opening, said target further comprising a target reader/transmitter, said target reader/transmitter further comprising an entry portion, a guide portion and an exit portion, and where said second opening of said ball receiver is configured to allow operable connection to said entry portion, a first RFID reader configured such that a ball, upon entering said entry portion, will follow said guide portion past said first RFID reader in a readable manner and then exit via said exit portion, and where said target reader/transmitter is operable for communication with at least one server;
- (b) a range entry ball RFID reader configured to read ball RFID tags and extract ball IDs thereby and further configured to be in operable communications with at least one server;

(c) a server operable for communication with said at least one target reader/transmitter and said second RFID reader and configured to calculate ball and player data, said server further comprising a database;

(d) said database configured to retrievably hold ball IDs in associated with one of: other ball IDs or at least one player ID, and further configured to hold data sent by said target reader/transmitter and said RFID reader, and store said calculated ball and player data, in a manner retrievable by one of: a player ID or a golf ball ID, and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event; ]

having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event,

the method comprising:

providing a set of balls having RFIDs therein, where said set of balls comprises at least one ball;

storing said set of ball IDs on said database;

associating said set of ball IDs with an account on said database;

allowing said set of balls to be launched from a ball launch area

towards at least one target;

gathering data on any hits on any target by said launched [propelled] balls;

sending said hit data to a server and retrievably storing it associated with a player ID;

enabling a person having access to said account to retrieve data about said ball hits and any other data collected pursuant to using said set of balls.

20. The method of claim 13 where said target, said [first] target RFID reader, and said [second] range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

25. A method of wagering using a ball range having a ball range system, the ball range system [comprising:

- (a) a target, said target having a top surface and at least one ball receiver, said ball receiver configured to have a first opening at said top surface of said target and a second opening, said target further comprising a target reader/transmitter, said target reader/transmitter further comprising an entry portion, a guide portion and an exit portion, and where said second opening of said ball receiver is configured to allow operable connection to said entry portion, a first RFID reader configured such that a ball, upon entering said

- entry portion, will follow said guide portion past said first RFID reader in a readable manner and then exit via said exit portion, and where said target reader/transmitter is operable for communication with at least one server;
- (b) a range entry ball RFID reader configured to read ball RFID tags and extract ball IDs thereby and further configured to be in operable communications with at least one server;
  - (c) a server operable for communication with said at least one target reader/transmitter and said second RFID reader and configured to calculate ball and player data, said server further comprising a database;
  - (d) said database configured to retrievably hold ball IDs in associated with one of: other ball IDs or at least one player ID, and further configured to hold data sent by said target reader/transmitter and said RFID reader, and store said calculated ball and player data, in a manner retrievable by one of: a player ID or a golf ball ID, and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event; and,
  - (e) a sensor located near at least one ball launch area, said sensor configured to detect a ball that is placed on the ball launch area and is further configured to transmit data about said detected ball to a server,] having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database and further having a program configured to use

said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event,

the method comprising:

reading a set of balls at a [said] range entry golf ball RFID reader;

associating a player with said [read] set of balls;

accepting payment from a player for a wager, said wager based on using said set of [read] balls;

allowing said player to go to a ball-launch area;

recording in said database output from [said] a sensor located in said ball-launch area each time a ball is placed in said [ball launch] ball-launch area;

recording each [a] ball from said set of [read] balls that hits a target;

and,

determining if said set of [read] balls have been played and if said set of [read] balls that hit a target comprise a winning event.

26. The method of claim 25 where said associating a player with said [read] set of balls further comprises associating a player ID with said [read] set of balls.

27. The method of claim 25 where said associating a player with said

[read] set of balls further comprises associating an anonymous player ID with said [read] set of balls.

28. The method of claim 25 where said target, said [first] target RFID reader, and said [second] range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

33. A method of creating enhanced player interest at a ball range having a ball range system, the ball range system [comprising:

(a) a target, said target having a top surface and at least one ball receiver, said ball receiver configured to have a first opening at said top surface of said target and a second opening, said target further comprising a target reader/transmitter, said target reader/transmitter further comprising an entry portion, a guide portion and an exit portion, and where said second opening of said ball receiver is configured to allow operable connection to said entry portion, a first RFID reader configured such that a ball, upon entering said entry portion, will follow said guide portion past said first RFID reader in a readable manner and then exit via said exit portion, and where said target reader/transmitter is operable for communication with at least one server;

(b) a range entry ball RFID reader configured to read ball RFID tags and extract ball IDs thereby and further configured to be in operable

communications with at least one server;

- (c) a server operable for communication with said at least one target reader/transmitter and said second RFID reader and configured to calculate ball and player data, said server further comprising a database;
- (d) said database configured to retrievably hold ball IDs in associated with one of: other ball IDs or at least one player ID, and further configured to hold data sent by said target reader/transmitter and said RFID reader, and store said calculated ball and player data, in a manner retrievable by one of: a player ID or a ball ID, and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event,] having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event,

the method comprising:

providing player-funded pools for games on which a player may wager an amount;

displaying games and associated player-funded pool amounts in a manner visible to a player;

updating said player-funded pool amounts as said games are being played by players; and,

displaying amounts won by players upon the occurrence of game winning events.

34. The method of claim 33 where said target, said [first] target RFID reader, and said [second] range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

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13. A method of using a ball range system, the ball range system having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event, the method comprising:

a providing a set of balls having RFIDs therein, where said set of balls comprises at least one ball;

storing said set of ball IDs on said database;

associating said set of ball IDs with an account on said database;

allowing said set of balls to be launched from a ball launch area towards at least one target;

gathering data on any hits on any target by said launched balls;

sending said hit data to a server and retrievably storing it associated with a player ID;

enabling a person having access to said account to retrieve data about said ball hits and any other data collected pursuant to using said set of balls.

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a2 20. The method of claim 13 where said target, said target RFID reader, and said range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

25. A method of wagering using a ball range having a ball range system, the ball range system having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database and further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event, the method comprising:

a3 reading a set of balls at a range entry golf ball RFID reader;  
associating a player with said set of balls;  
accepting payment from a player for a wager, said wager based on using said set of balls;  
allowing said player to go to a ball-launch area;  
recording in said database output from a sensor located in said ball-launch area each time a ball is placed in said ball-launch area;  
recording each ball from said set of balls that hits a target; and,  
determining if said set of balls have been played and if said set of balls that hit a target comprise a winning event.

26. The method of claim 25 where said associating a player with said set of

balls further comprises associating a player ID with said set of balls.

27. The method of claim 25 where said associating a player with said set of balls further comprises associating an anonymous player ID with said set of balls.

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28. The method of claim 25 where said target, said target RFID reader, and said range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

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33. A method of creating enhanced player interest at a ball range having a ball range system, the ball range system having at least one target, the target having an RFID reader in communication with a server, the server having a database further having a program configured to use said database to enable a player to play at least one game having a player-funded pool for distribution to a player upon the occurrence of a winning event, the method comprising:

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providing player-funded pools for games on which a player may wager an amount;

displaying games and associated player-funded pool amounts in a manner visible to a player;

updating said player-funded pool amounts as said games are being played by players; and,

displaying amounts won by players upon the occurrence of game

winning events.

34. The method of claim 33 where said target, said target RFID reader, and

a4 said range entry RFID reader are configured to read one of: a golf ball; a basketball; a baseball; or, a football.

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